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LAWS ON THE EDUCATION OF YOUTH IN THE GDR

SECOND DIRECTIVE IMPLEMENTING THE YOUTH LAW OF 8 FEBRUARY 1952 -- Berlin, Gesetzblatt der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik, No 15, 12 Feb 51

Pursuant to the Law of 8 February 1950 on the Participation of Youth in the Reconstruction of the GDR (German Democratic Republic) and the advantages offered to youth in schools, at work, in sports, and in recreational activities, hereinafter referred to as the Youth Law, (Gesetzblatt der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik, p 95) the younger generation in the GDR has shown outstanding participation in the struggle for the maintenance of peace, the achievement of democratic unity, and in the peaceful reconstruction of Germany. Youth in the GDR has committed itself to the important task of conducting a campaign for science and civilization, thereby acquiring the experience necessary to enable it to achieve great accomplishments in all spheres of political and social life. To lend practical support to these endeavors and to offer the younger generation every opportunity for development (see Articles 34, 35 and 39 of the GDR Constitution), the following is hereby decreed.

Article 1

Every community in the GDR shall place a youth club (Jugendheim) at the disposal of the FDJ (Free German Youth) without cost. The upkeep of these youth clubs shall be defrayed from the budgets of said communities. Wherever a House of Culture has been established, the necessary rooms shall be made available to the FDJ. In communities having neither a House of Culture nor a youth club, other suitable quarters are to be made available to the FDJ without charge. All expenses for rent, light, water, heat, etc., shall likewise be paid out of the budget of the community, according to the Decree of 25 May 1950 on the Implementation of the Youth Law (Gesetzblatt der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik, p 445, Section I, Article 2, Subsection 5). Communities having less than 200 inhabitants may place school rooms at the disposal of the youth groups.

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Article 2

In communities having no youth clubs, the burgomasters shall be responsible for procuring suitable quarters with the assistance of the Housing Board or of the administrative unit acting on behalf of the latter. The communal administration shall arrange for the rental of such quarters.

Article 3

In communities which maintain administrative bodies for youth aid and home education, the administration of the youth clubs shall be turned over to such bodies. In all other communities, the real estate departments shall also be responsible for the administration of the youth clubs.

Article 4

The communal administrations shall make available athletic fields for democratic sports activities and for the implementation of the physical education programs in the schools. The minimum area of such athletic fields shall be 0.75 hectares.

Article 5

Athletic fields which are not serving their proper purpose shall be restored to their original use by 1 June 1951. Exemptions from this regulation are subject to approval by the GDR Ministry of Interior. Applications for exemption must be accompanied by a detailed statement giving the reasons therefore, and the opinion of the Kreisreferent (district advisor) on Youth Affairs and Athletics and shall be submitted to the Land Ministry of Interior not later than 15 April 1951; and said ministry shall forward the application, together with an opinion of the Office for Youth Affairs and Athletics, to the GDR Ministry of Interior, not later than 15 May 1951. Final determination shall be made by the GDR Ministry of Interior in conjunction with the Office for Youth Affairs and Athletics.

Article 6

1. To finance the projects listed in Articles 1 to 5, resolutions will be adopted for the conservation of administrative expenditures in accordance with the existing legal regulations. The government of the GDR, the governments of the Laender, and the district and community councils shall have jurisdiction over the amounts thus saved and shall expend them primarily for the above-stated purposes, as set forth in the pertinent directives.

2. The same measures shall apply for the provision of club rooms for Pioneers and members of the FDJ, as set forth in the directive for the implementation of the Youth Law (Gesetzblatt der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik, p 445, Section I, Article 2) dated 25 May 1950.

Article 7

The materials required to set up and equip the projects enumerated in Articles 1 to 6 shall be included in the Plan for the Mobilization of Local Resources and shall be given special priority.

Article 8

All administrative departments are instructed to avail themselves as fully as possible of the voluntary cooperation of the population, particularly the cooperation of Youth and of sports enthusiasts, to carry out the projects referred to in this directive.

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Article 9

This directive shall become effective on the day of publication.

Berlin, 8 February 1951
 Ulbricht
 Deputy Minister President

DECREE OF 10 MAY 1950 ON SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES FOR STUDENTS -- Berlin, Gesetzblatt der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik, No 63, 14 Jun 50

To make it possible for children from all classes of the population to attend full-time secondary and vocational schools, the following ruling shall be effective in connection with grants for subsistence allowances to students of secondary schools:

Article 1

Subsistence allowances may be granted for the following:

1. Children of Meritorious Teachers and of Meritorious Physicians of the People
2. Children of workers, farmers, and technicians
3. Children of persons who have been awarded National Prizes
4. Students who because of outstanding scholastic performances or social activities are accorded the same rights as students under (2) above
5. Orphans and pupils of boarding schools which have been accredited and approved by the Ministry of Education.

Article 2

Grants for subsistence allowances shall be subject to the following prerequisites:

1. Good scholastic performance
2. Participation in social activities of the school
3. Indigence on the part of parents (except in the event of one parent being entitled to the gratuitous training of his or her children in recognition of outstanding accomplishments).

Article 3

To put into practical effect the principle of equal rights for women, as laid down in the Constitution of the GDR and to enable more women to obtain a secondary school education as a prerequisite for skilled work in professions, a suitable number of talented girls shall be granted subsistence allowances.

Article 4

Students eligible for subsistence allowances shall be chosen by a commission composed of the following:

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1. The director of the Kreis Board of Education, who shall act as chairman and who shall be responsible for carrying out the commission's rulings
2. The Schulrat (member of the School Board) or a member of the teaching staff of the school whose requests (for subsistence grants) are under consideration.
3. One delegate each from the FDGB (Federation of Free German Trade Unions), the FDJ, the DFD (League of Democratic Women of Germany), and, in the rural districts, from the VdGB (Farmers Mutual Aid Association)

Article 5

To ensure the consistent implementation of the above-mentioned measures, the ministries of Education of the several Laender shall carry out inspections in the various districts, and such inspections shall extend to the examination of applications for subsistence allowances and of appeals, if any, from decisions rendered by the district commissions.

Article 6

Effective 1 April 1950, the following scale shall be applicable for subsistence allowances for students of secondary schools:

The total annual budgetary allocations for students of secondary schools shall be distributed to eligible students as follows: 15 percent at the rate of 60 Deutsche marks per month, 50 percent at the rate of 45 Deutsche marks per month, and 35 percent at the rate of 25 Deutsche marks per month.

Article 7

These regulations shall not apply to grants for subsistence allowances to students at training schools for female kindergarten teachers.

Berlin, 10 May 1950
Wandel, Minister
Ministry of Education

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